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SUBJECT: CCC MODIFICATION OSLO

REF: A. BONN 03543, B. STATE 059208, C. BONN 04634

1. EMBASSY POSITION THROUGHOUT HAS BEEN IN FAVOR MODIFICATIONS FOR GREATER SECURITY AND TO PERMIT TERP INSTALLATION IN FUTURE; HOWEVER, WE HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION THAT VAULT WORK MUST NOT RPT NOT INVOLVE ALTERATIONS TO EXTERIOR OF BUILDING WHICH IS ARCHITECTURAL GEM. THIS WOULD PRECLUDE NOT ONLY PUTTING BARS ON OUTSIDE BUT ALTERING INTERIOR IN SUCH A MANNER THAT NEW VAULT WORK WOULD BE VISIBLE FROM OUTSIDE TO THE CASUAL OBSERVER. PRESENTLY, WINDOW PANES ARE COVERED WITH MYLAR OR METAL SHEILDING AND ARE THUS OPAQUE. THIS, OR SOME-THING SIMILAR, SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

2. INTERIOR VAULT WALL OR GRILLWORK PROPOSED PARA ONE BONN 03543 AND STATE 059208 IS NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTABLE SINCE EMBASSY CANNOT AFFORD LOSS OF 60-72 INCHES AROUND CCC AND ADDITIONALLY, BECAUSE IT WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE REWORKING OF INTERIOR OF CCC TO PERMIT ACCESS TO ENCLOSURE.

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3. HAVING STATED ONE OF OUR CONCERNS IN PARA ONE ABOVE, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE OTHER: THAT IS, THAT THE HEATING/FRESH AIR SYSTEM IS LOCATED JUST UNDERNEATH THE WINDOWS THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING. IT IS ENCLOSED IN A SLATTED STRUCTURE APPROXIMATELY 20 INCHES HIGH AND JUTS OUT INTO THE ROOM 13 INCHES. THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT THIS COULD BE REMOVED WITHIN THE

CCC AND ELECTRIC HEATING PANELS SUBSTITUTED INSTEAD. SOME AIR-CONDITIONERS ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE AND PLANS ARE TO ADD CHILLER UNITS FOR THE ENCLOSURE LATER THIS YEAR. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THIS PLAN COULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE UNITS TO COOL THE ENTIRE VAULT AREA THUS ELIMINATING PRESENT UNSATISFACTORY WINDOW AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS

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4. RATHER THAN ADHERE TO THE CONCEPT OF A BARRED INTERIOR ROOM WITHIN A ROOM, WHY NOT THINK IN TERMS OF REDOING THE ENTIRE INSIDE OF THE EXTERIOR WALL. SURELY, THERE MUST BE SOME MATERIALS WHICH WOULD BE OPAQUE AND THE SAME COLOR AS THE MYLAR-COVERED WINDOWS. QUOTE WINDOWS UNQUOTE COULD BE CONSTRUCTED THAT WOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING IN THE SAME FORM AS AT PRESENT; THUS THE EXTERIOR FACADE WOULD REMAIN THE SAME AND QUOTE WINDOWS UNQUOTE WOULD NOT RPT NOT REQUIRE SERVICING SUCH AS NOW. THEN, THE INTERIOR WALL COULD BE REBUILT TO VAULT SPECIFICATIONS REMOVING THE HEATING UNIT AS APPROPRIATE.

5. EMBASSY FEELS THAT PROPOSAL PARA 4 ABOVE WILL REQUIRE SERVICES OF ARCHITECT WHO KNOWLEDGEABLE OF SECURITY TECHNIQUES REQUIRED FOR VAULT SPACES. WE WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT SEND OUT SOMEONE TRAINED ALONG THESE LINES TO SURVEY THE SITUATION AND COME UP WITH A REASONABLE SUGGESTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL.

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